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SUBJECT: SECRETARY KREPS' VISIT TO BERLIN

1. REMARKS FOR GOLDEN BOOK CEREMONY:

MR. GOVERNING MAYOR, MR. AMBASSADOR, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS,  
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

IT IS INDEED AN HONOR TO ENTER MY NAME IN THE GOLDEN BOOK  
OF BERLIN. THIS CITY AND ITS PEOPLE OCCUPY A UNIQUE PLACE  
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IN THE AFFECTIONS OF AMERICANS. FOR AMERICANS AND  
BERLINERS HOLD COMMON IDEALS; WE SHARE A DEEP COMMITMENT TO  
HUMAN RIGHTS. YOUR DEDICATION TO DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES AND  
FREEDOM, YOUR WILL TO LIVE IN PEACE, LIBERTY, AND  
PROSPERITY HAVE MADE BERLIN A SPECIAL SYMBOL THROUGHOUT THE  
FREE WORLD.

I STAND NOW WHERE PRESIDENT KENNEDY ONCE STOOD. THOUGH  
NEARLY FIFTEEN YEARS HAVE APSED, AND TREMENDOUS CHANGES  
HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE WORLD, THE SPIRIT OF BERLIN HAS  
REMAINED UNSHAKEN AND STEADFAST.

AS THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF COMMERCE -- THE FIRST I  
BELIEVE TO VISIT BERLIN IN MANY YEARS -- I AM ESPECIALLY  
INTERESTED IN YOUR ECONOMY. YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE  
FACE OF ADVERSITY, THE GREAT SUCCESS OF BUSINESS  
ENDEAVORS HERE, ARE VERY IMPRESSIVE. I WILL LOOK FORWARD  
TO LEARNING MORE ABOUT YOUR CITY'S COMMERCIAL RECORD  
DURING MY VISIT.

DURING THIS STAY IN YOUR CITY, I SHALL PARTICIPATE IN THE  
CELEBRATIONS OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSITY OF THE FOUNDING OF  
THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN GERMANY. I SHALL  
ALSO BE MEETING WITH ECONOMIC, BUSINESS, AND POLITICAL  
LEADERS. BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, I HAVE COME TO BERLIN TO  
REAFFIRM THE CONTINUING COMMITMENT OF MY GOVERNMENT AND  
THE PEOPLE OF MY COUNTRY TO THE FREEDOM AND SECURITY OF  
THIS CITY. WE WILL CONTINUE NOT ONLY TO DEFEND AND  
PROTECT THE FREEDOM OF BERLIN BUT ALSO TO WELCOME ALL  
EFFORTS TO REDUCE TENSIONS AND CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR  
SECURITY AND PROSPERITY.

THE TIES THAT BIND BERLINERS AND AMERICANS ARE MANY.  
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THEY ARE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND COMMERCIAL. BUT IT  
IS MUTUAL DEDICATION TO FREEDOM AND INDIVIDUAL HUMAN  
RIGHTS WHICH BINDS US IN A VERY SPECIAL WAY.

I AM PLEASED, BOTH PERSONALLY AND AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF  
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, TO ACCEPT THE FRIENDSHIP EVIDENT IN  
YOUR WARM RECEPTION. I SIGN THE GOLDEN BOOK IN THIS  
SPIRIT AND WITH PROFOUND SENSE OF ITS MEANING TO FREEDOM-  
LOVING PEOPLE EVERYWHERE.

2. THIS SPEECH SHOULD BE EMBARGOES UNTIL JUST PRIOR TO  
DELIVERY.

3. STATE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS AND POSSIBLE CHANGES WILL  
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